

**Fiscal Year 2013
Farm & Ranch Lands Protection Program
Michigan Ranking Form**

Landowner Name: _____
Address: _____ **State:** _____ **Zip:** _____ **County:** _____
Date: _____ **Easement Acres:** _____ **Total Points:** _____
Completed by: _____

Staff from entities submitting applications for FRPP funding consideration will determine an overall score for the parcel based on the following ranking criteria. After the parcels have been ranked, the FRPP Coordinator will review the ranking for each parcel. Parcels will be placed in ranked order and the State Conservationist will make funding selections by highest ranking.

Ranking Factors

1) Agricultural Capacity. Priority is placed on productive farmland that has unique growing characteristics as demonstrated by the presence of Prime, Unique or Statewide Importance soils. Formula: $\frac{\text{Total Acre of Prime, Unique or Statewide Important Soils}}{\text{Total Parcel Acres}} \times 25$ (Score must be greater than 13 points) (Max 25 points) Points _____	
2) Proximity of the subject parcel to existing or proposed (to be served within 5 years) public sanitary sewer and/or water lines. Provide documentation, including a map, from township or county plans describing the location of utilities in relation to the nominated property. (Max 6 points) Points _____	
Existing or proposed sewer and/or water are within ½ mile.	1 pts
Existing or proposed sewer and/or water are more than ½ mile but less than 2 miles.	4 pts
Existing or proposed sewer and/or water are 2 miles but less than 5 miles.	6 pts
Existing or proposed sewer and/or water are more than 5 miles away.	0 pts.
3) Proximity to freeway interchange. (Max 2 points) Points _____	
Freeway interchange is within ½ mile.	0 pts
Freeway interchange is more than ½ mile but less than 5 miles.	2 pts
Freeway interchange is 5 miles or more away.	0 pts
4) Road frontage (paved or gravel) adjacent to parcel. (Max 8 points) Points _____	
No road frontage.	0 pts
Road frontage less than ¼ of a mile.	2 pts
Road frontage is ¼ mile or more but less than ½ mile.	4 pts
Road frontage is ½ mile or more but less ¾	6 pts

of a mile.	
Road frontage is $\frac{3}{4}$ mile or more.	8 pts
5) Is any portion of the subject parcel enrolled in the Commercial Forest Act (part 512 of NREPA), Hunter Access Program, or will the conservation easement deed provide for the non-motorized recreational use by members of the public? (Max 2 points) Points _____	
Yes	2 pts
No	0 pts
6) Master Plan Status Provide documentation from master plan showing parcel designation. (Max 10 points) Points _____	
The parcel is designated for agricultural use in the Master Plan and the plan is less than 5 years old.	10 pts
The parcel is designated for agricultural use in the Master Plan and the plan is 5 years or older.	5pts
7) Is the parcel designated in the master plan as part of an agricultural area to be permanently protected? Provide documentation from master plan showing parcel designation. (Max 10 points) Points _____	
Yes	10 pts
No	0 pts
8) Does the local zoning ordinance provide for Planned Unit Development (PUD) or cluster development? (Max 3 points) Points _____	
Yes	3 pts
No	0 pts
9) The parcel is located in an area where the local governing body has established a purchase or transfer of development rights program to protect farmland? (Max 5 points) Points _____	
Yes	5 pts
No	0 pts
10) Proximity of parcel to other permanently protected land, including military installations. (Max 15 points) Points _____	
Parcel is adjacent to protected land.	15 pts
Parcel is not adjacent to but within $\frac{1}{2}$ mile of protected land.	10 pts
Parcel is not adjacent to but is within $\frac{1}{2}$ mile to 2 miles of protected land.	5 pts

11) Is the parcel currently enrolled in the Farmland and Open Space Program (P.A. 116) or similar local program? (Max 5 points) Points _____	
Yes	5 pts
No	0 pts
12) Percent Matching Funds. This is determined by the following Formula: (Entity's Funds + Landowner Donation)/Appraised Fair Market Value (Max 15 points) Points _____	
90% - 81%	15 pts
80% - 71%	12 pts
70% - 61%	8 pts
60% - 51%	5 pts
50%	2 pts
13) Size of parcel. (Max 10 points) Points _____	
Parcel is larger than 150 acres	10 pts
Parcel is between 150 – 100 acres	8 pts
Parcel is between 100 – 50 acres	5 pts
Parcel is between 50 – 30 acres	2 pts
Parcel is less than 30 acres	0 pts
14) Has a recent (no older than 4 months) USPAP or Yellowbook Appraisal been completed for the parcel? (Max 5 points) Points _____	
Yes	5 pts
No	0 pts
15) Has the cooperating entity completed a Phase I Environmental Site Assessment of the subject parcel prior to application? (Max 5 points) Points _____	
Yes	5 pts
No	0 pts
16) Ratio of cropland, pastureland and grassland of the parcels(s) to be protected to non-agricultural land. (Max 15 points) Points _____	
100% - 85%	15 pts
84% - 70%	10pts
69% - 50%	5 pts
49% - 33%	0 pts
17) Ratio of total acres of land in the parcel to average farm size in the county according to the most recent USDA Census of Agriculture. Formula: Ratio = (Parcel Size/Average Farm Size per County) (www.agcensus.usda.gov). (See Appendix A) (Max 4 points) Points _____	
Ratio greater than 2	4 pts
Ratio of 2 – 1.1	2 pts
Ratio of 1 or lower	0 pts

18) Percent decrease of farm and ranch land acreage in the county that the parcel is located using the last two USDA Census of Agriculture. (See Appendix A) (Max 4 points) Points _____	
Decrease more than 15%	0 pts
Decrease from 15% - 10.1%	2 pts
Decrease from 10% - 5.1%	4 pts
Decrease from 5% - 0.1%	2 pts
Decrease of 0%	0 pts
19) Percent population growth in the county that the parcel is located in as documented by the U.S. Census (www.census.gov). (See Appendix B) (Max 4 points) Points _____	
Growth rate less than 1.0%	0 pts
Growth rate of 1.0% - 3.0%	4 pts
Growth rate of 3.1% - 5.0%	2 pts
Growth rate more than 5.0%	0 pts
20) Population density (per square mile) of the county that the parcel is located in as documented by the most recent U.S. Census. (See Appendix B) (Max 4 points) Points _____	
Density less 175	0 pts
Density of 175 - 350	4 pts
Density of 351 - 525	2 pts
Density more than 525	0 pts

Grand Total _____ (Copy to front page)

Entity Signature

Date

Appendix A (Average Farm Size & Percent Decrease in Farm Land)

County	Average Farm Size (acres)	Decrease in Farm Land (%)
Alcona	162	0
Alger	213	0
Allegan	172	0
Alpena	150	0
Antrim	164	0
Arenac	194	0
Baraga	245	0
Barry	144	7.5
Bay	219	0
Benzie	103	8.6
Berrien	130	2.9
Branch	222	1.4
Calhoun	194	5.0
Cass	235	0
Charlevoix	123	0
Cheboygan	137	5.0
Chippewa	247	0
Clare	152	0
Clinton	221	0
Crawford	65	60
Delta	268	0
Dickinson	155	13.2
Eaton	181	6.7
Emmet	136	9.4
Genesee	131	9.5
Gladwin	121	6.1
Gogebic	93	2.9
Grand Traverse	120	0
Gratiot	277	0.7
Hillsdale	161	2.0
Houghton	153	8.6
Huron	316	0
Ingham	197	0
Ionia	202	0
Iosco	151	0
Iron	250	11.6
Isabella	193	0
Jackson	154	5.5
Kalamazoo	170	2.2
Kalkaska	106	2.7
Kent	143	1.9

Keweenaw	200	0
Lake	115	8.6
Lapeer	134	6.8
Leelanau	124	10.7
Lenawee	207	1.3
Livingston	121	0
Luce	215	14.1
Mackinac	244	0
Macomb	131	8.8
Manistee	129	0.9
Marquette	209	0
Mason	170	4.0
Mecosta	136	4.2
Menominee	247	0
Midland	159	0
Missaukee	226	9.6
Monroe	186	4.4
Montcalm	198	4.9
Montmorency	156	0
Muskegon	152	0
Newaygo	140	1.5
Oakland	55	20.6
Oceana	190	3.2
Ogemaw	190	10.2
Ontonagon	296	8.4
Osceola	148	0
Oscoda	129	0
Otsego	185	2.9
Ottawa	118	0
Presque Isle	246	0
Roscommon	88	35.6
Saginaw	212	0.1
St. Clair	150	11.9
St. Joseph	209	6.6
Sanilac	272	4.1
Schoolcraft	405	0
Shiawassee	209	3.5
Tuscola	250	0
Van Buren	150	0
Washtenaw	128	4.8
Wayne	56	18.8
Wexford	104	16.1

Appendix B (Population Growth Rate & Population Density)

County	Population Growth Rate	Population Density
Alcona	-1.5	17.4
Alger	-2.5	10.7
Allegan	6.7	127.7
Alpena	-5.1	54.5
Antrim	5.1	48.5
Arenac	-3.8	47.1
Baraga	-2.3	9.7
Barry	4.3	102.1
Bay	-2.4	248
Benzie	9.5	49.8
Berrien	-1.8	284.5
Branch	0.9	90.2
Calhoun	-1.0	194.7
Cass	-1.1	103.8
Charlevoix	0.3	62.6
Cheboygan	1.2	37
Chippewa	1.0	24.7
Clare	-1.8	55.1
Clinton	7.7	113.3
Crawford	1.9	25.6
Delta	-3.0	32.9
Dickinson	-1.9	35.8
Eaton	3.6	179.8
Emmet	6.2	67.2
Genesee	-0.3	681.9
Gladwin	1.0	51.3
Gogebic	-6.2	15.8
Grand Traverse	10.1	167
Gratiot	-0.3	74.2
Hillsdale	0.5	77.7
Houghton	-2.3	35.6
Huron	-7.7	43.1
Ingham	0	499.5
Ionia	4.1	107.3
Iosco	-4.0	49.8
Iron	-7.5	11.3
Isabella	5.3	110.3
Jackson	2.9	224.2
Kalamazoo	2.8	424.7
Kalkaska	3.7	29.5
Kent	5.2	670.8

Keweenaw	-6.5	4.3
Lake	-1.6	20
Lapeer	4.7	134.4
Leelanau	3.7	60.6
Lenawee	2.4	131.8
Livingston	16.7	276.1
Luce	-4.2	7.8
Mackinac	-8.9	11.7
Macomb	5.4	1640.5
Manistee	1.1	45.1
Marquette	0.9	35.5
Mason	1.7	57.1
Mecosta	3.8	73
Menominee	-4.3	24.3
Midland	-0.1	159
Missaukee	3.4	25.5
Monroe	5.3	264.8
Montcalm	2.7	86.5
Montmorency	0.1	18.8
Muskegon	2.5	334.3
Newaygo	2.7	56.8
Oakland	1.0	1368.6
Oceana	3.4	49.7
Ogemaw	-1.4	38.4
Ontonagon	-10.8	6
Osceola	-0.2	41
Oscoda	-5.1	16.7
Otsego	4.0	45.3
Ottawa	8.8	421.3
Presque Isle	-3.9	21.8
Roscommon	0.2	48.8
Saginaw	-3.7	259.6
St. Clair	3.6	226.7
St. Joseph	0	123.9
Sanilac	-2.0	46.2
Schoolcraft	-4.3	7.6
Shiawassee	0.1	133.1
Tuscola	-2.5	71.7
Van Buren	2.2	124.8
Washtenaw	8.4	454.8
Wayne	-3.7	3356.1
Wexford	4.3	53.9

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